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SUBJECT: LORENZ INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

REFS: A) USBERLIN 584; B) USBERLIN A-39

1. INVESTIGATION OF LORENZ KIDNAPPING CONTINUES WITH NO DRAMATIC BREAKTHROUGH BUT SOME SUCCESS IN PUTTING TOGETHER A FEW PIECES OF A COMPLICATED PUZZLE. POLICE NOW BELIEVE THEY KNOW SOME OF KIDNAPPERS AND HELPERS BUT DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH EVIDENCE FOR CONVICTIONS. POLICE HOPE THEY CAN WITHSTAND POLITICAL PRESSURE TO MAKE DOUBTFUL ARRESTS OF FEW INDIVIDUALS ON FRINGE, STEP WHICH WOULD ONLY SCARE MAJOR CRIMINALS DEEPER INTO HIDING. INFO BELOW WAS PROVIDED MISSION IN CONFIDENCE AND SHOULD BE PROTECTED.

2. POLICE HAVE EVIDENCE WHICH HAS CONVICTED THEM JUNE 2 TERRORISTS ANDREAS VOGEL, WERNER SAUBER AND PROBABLY RALF REINDERS WERE AMONG KIDNAPPERS. ANGELA LUTHER OR SOMEONE WHO LOOKS MUCH LIKE HER WAS ALSO IN GROUP. INVESTIGATION FOCUSES ON THESE

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INDIVIDUALS, THEIR KNOWN ASSOCIATES AND HANGOUTS, AND

THREE OTHER LEADS:

A. A GARAGE USED IN THE KIDNAPPING AND CONNECTED
TO REINDER'S BROTHER HAS BEEN LOCATED AND PUT UNDER
24-HOUR SUVEILLANCE;

B. A CAR WITH IMPROPER LICENSE PLATES WHICH FITS
DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE MENTIONED IN MANY TIPS FROM
PUBLIC HAS BEEN LOCATED AND IS UNDER SURVEILLANCE; AND

C. A FEMALE ANESTHESIOLOGIST AND KNOWN RADICAL,
WHO FITS LORENZ'S DESCRIPTION OF WOMAN WHO GAVE HIM
SHOT, HAS BEEN LOCATED WORKING IN A WEST BERLIN
HOSPITAL AND IS UNDER OBSERVATION.

3. POLICE BELIEVE ALL KIDNAPPERS STILL IN BERLIN
EXCEPT PERHAPS VOGEL, WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN BASED IN
HAMBURG, AND THEY DISCOUNT FREQUENT STORIES
OF ANARCHISTS HIDING IN SWEDEN OR ELSEWHERE. SPOT
CHECKS OF PRIVATE VEHICLES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
CONTINUE AND POLICE HAVE SEARCHED BUILDINGS AS
INDICATED BY AVAILABLE EVIDENCE, MAINLY GLEANINGS
FROM THOUSANDS OF TIPS FROM PUBLIC. AS PART OF FRG
NATIONAL SEARCH DAY (BUNDESAHNDUNGSTAG) APRIL 14,
POL AGAIN MANNED ROADBLOCKS AND CHECKED PERSONS
AND VEHICLES DEPARTING WESTERN SECTORS; THEY MADE
SEVERAL ARRESTS, BUT NONE CONNECTED TO ANARCHISTS.

4. SUPPOSITION THAT KIDNAPPERS STILL IN BERLIN
FURTHER SUPPORTED BY DISTRIBUTION DURING PAST WEEK
OF "WANTED POSTER" CARRYING PICTURES OF PROMINENT
POLITICAL AND POLICE OFFICIALS. POSTER WAS CLEARLY
MODELED AFTER OFFICIAL POLICE POSTER WITH PICTURES
OF EIGHT JUNE 2 MEMBERS AND WAS DISTRIBUTED IN SAME
WAS AS PAMPHLET REPROTED REF B. (COPIES POUCHED
EUR/CE, S/CCT AND BONN.)

5. POLICE HAVE NOT YET BEGUN DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS
AGAINST ANY OFFICERS INVOLVED IN CONTROVERSIAL
SEARCHES (REF A). THEY ARE REPORTEDLY PREPARING
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